

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Shortridge¹ W26473

Nancy

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State of Tennessee Fentress County: On this the 18th day of August 1834 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Fentress aforesaid Andrew Shortridge Resident Citizen of the County aforesaid aged seventy-eight years of age agreeably to his best account having no record of his age and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war at Petersburg in the State of Virginia he entered said service at Petersburg Virginia as a private Substitute for John Train who had been drafted to serve a tour of three months he applicant entered said service sometime in the winter season of the year the precise month and day not recollected he marched off under Captain Gardner and marched to Manchester and went to various places in Virginia and to the Edge of North Carolina and was in a Little Skirmish with the British and he was at Winchester and finally marched back and was discharged by his said Captain he had a written [discharge] having served a full Tour of three months he does not recollect the precise month or day of entering or quitting said Service but he knows it was in the year of 1781 and that said three months Tour he began in the winter season of the year and ended in the Spring and in a short time thereafter he was Drafted to serve a Tour of three months and entered the service under Colonel Call and was put under Captain Armstead [Armistead?] and after marching to several places and points was sent by order of the Captain and Colonel to the Barracks in Albemarle County and continued there in service guarding the same and making cartridges and continued in service until the Expiration of his said Tour of three months and he was verbally discharged by order of the said Colonel. Applicant was born in Scotland and brought to America in the State of infancy he was born in Ledborough [?] as he is informed and believes. He lived in Frederick County Virginia many years after the War and moved to where is Russell County Virginia stayed there many years he does not recall how long he then moved to Pulaski County Kentucky stayed there about eighteen years and he then moved to where he now lives and has lived upwards of seven years, he has lost his discharge a great many years ago and has no written or Documentary Evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service, he states that there is no clergyman in his neighborhood but he has no doubt but he can prove his character for veracity and his general Reputation among all his intimate acquaintances as having been a soldier of the Revolution some of home he will name to wit William Atkinson, Esquire, Conrad Pile, John McClemmons and his neighbors generally he is not able to attend a court of Record from bodily infirmity he has nearly lost his eyesight from

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extreme old age he has often thought of getting a pension but has heretofore been informed that it was extended to the Regular Soldiers only except within a few weeks past he has been informed that the militia could get a pension and that without positive proof of service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Robert H Richardson, JP

S/ Andrew Shortridge, X his mark

[John G Wright & Robert Wright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 11: Of March 15, 1853 in Fentress County Tennessee, Nancy Shortridge, widow of Andrew Shortridge, made application for a widow's pension stating that she married her husband in New Virginia Taswell [Tazewell] County when she was 15 years old; that they were married by a Methodist preacher whose name she has forgotten at the house of John Garison [John Garretson?] who was her father in Caswell County Virginia; that she and her husband lived in Tazewell County Virginia until she had tin [sic, ten?] children all grown and all married but two; when they moved to Fentress County Tennessee; that her husband died 7 years ago last February; that she believes she is now 79 years of age; that she believes she was married in the month of April and that she was then 15 years old lacking until the next August. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: veteran died February 26, 1846 in Fentress County Tennessee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private was 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]